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SUBJECT:DEPARTURE OF AMERICANS FROM SOUTH VIETNAM

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1. REFTEL REPORT APPRECIATED. WE WELCOME INDICATION THAT
UNHCR FLIGHTS MAY RESUME ON REGULAR BASIS AND HOPE AMERI-
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CANS IN SVN WILL BE ABLE TO DEPART ON THESE.

2. SUGGEST VIENTIANE REMIND CASELLA OF OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE BAN ME THUOT CAPTIVES, JAMES LEWIS, AND ARLO GAY (REF C) AND OUR HOPE THAT UNHCR REPS WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY LETTERS AND PACKAGES FOR THEM TO PRG REPS IN SAIGON. IF FLIGHTS WORK OUT ON REGULAR BASIS WE HOPE UNHCR WILL EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING DEPARTURE OF THE PRISONERS ON THESE FLIGHTS.

3. WE HOPE UNHCR REPS WILL ALSO PURSUE THEIR EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND RECOVER REMAINS OF THE TWO MARINES.

4. FOR BANGKOK: SUGGEST YOU DISCUSS WITH FRENCH EMBASSY POSSIBILITY OF AMCITS DEPARTING ON THEIR FLIGHTS AS WELL. DO FRENCH PLAN TO CHARGE INDIVIDUAL PASSENGERS? YOU SHOULD ASSURE FRENCH THAT USG PREPARED TO REIMBURSE GOF IF

ANY AMERICAN CITIZENS UNABLE TO PAY COST OF EVACUATION FLIGHTS.

5. IF POSTS HAVE CONTACT WITH EARL MARTIN, THE QUINN-JUDGE'S , OR OTHER RECENT DEPARTEES, SUGGEST THEY BE ASKED ABOUT REV. JOHN W. TABOR AND ALEXANDER G. KOWLES, AMCITS WHO REPORTEDLY REMAINED BEHIND IN DANANG, WHO ARE NOT ON ICRC LIST AND WHO HAVE NOT BEEN HEARD FROM. TABOR IS CATHOLIC PRIEST AND KOWLES IS LONG-TIME RESIDENT WHO TAUGHT ENGLISH AND CHINESE. INGERSOLL

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